

## **CHAPTER I**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **A. Background of the study**

Being hurt sometimes makes people feel angry. In this situation people will do anything to make them feel happy. Moreover when the hurt comes because of someone that they love taken by someone else. It is just sadness that always appears in their mind because of it. There is nothing to do to make them happy to lose the sadness besides take revenge to the people believe that it is the better way to make their rival down. They will do anything whether it is good or bad for them, they do not care about it. The important thing is they feel satisfied when they see their rival's life ruined because of it.

Revenge usually can be the best way for people, when they have purpose to take revenge, they will make plans to do their revenge. They do revenge to someone who hurts them. They do not care whether it is right or wrong. They do it by threatening someone life, although there are many conflicts that appear in their personality but they just think that what they do can change their personality. It will also make the situation become complicated and caused anxiety inside of the personality.

Personality is important for human being because every person has different personality. According to Freud (in Pervin, 1984: 80) anxiety is an emotion, experience, representing a threat or danger to the organism. In the other word, it represents painful feelings that act as a signal of impending danger, so that it can act. Freud also states that some point the organism experience a trauma, an accident of considerable harm and also injury.

Having the feeling of anxiety motivates person to do something to free from external danger, to inhibit the instructional impulse, or to obey the voice of conscience (Hall and Lindzey, 1985: 42). It has purpose that they can feel save or more calmly in facing the realities that make them feel anxious. The circumstances of life inevitably place the personality under strain, even though they have many resources for coping with their problem. Their motives are not

easily satisfied because they must think again what way they to choose to solve their problem. Furthermore, the way that they use to reduce their anxiety is only for a while. So, later they have to face their own problem. The way that helps people to reduce the tension is called defense mechanism.

Defense mechanism is mental process that has goal to reduce the anxiety and that shares two particular characteristic: they operate unconsciously and distort reality (Hall and Lindzey, 1985:45). In the other word, the use of ego defense mechanism can give the feeling of safety from being anxious. Freud (in Hjelle and Ziegler, 1992: 38) said that defense mechanism is a strategy used by the individual to defend against open expression of id impulses and posing super ego pressure.

According Webster's Dictionary revenge as "to inflict damage, injury or punishment in return for (an injury, insult, etc.)." In this Essay, I will refine that definition so that for act to be an act of revenge, the force used must be exercised by the victim or a close family member, to punish another for his actions against the victim.

A number of points should be noted about this definition. First, is the lack of any requirement that the revenge be justified, or that the level of force used is reasonable. The word, in and of itself, will be value neutral. Thus, an act of minimal violence (for example, a slap in the face), taken by a person who has been raped against the actual rapist, and an act of extreme violence (shooting with a gun), taken by a driver against another driver who has cut in front of him without properly signaling, would both be acts of revenge. Distinctions, and thus value judgments, will naturally be drawn between the morality and justice of the two acts, but both will be considered as acts of revenge. All that is required is the state of mind that the act is "payback" for the injury subjectively felt by the victim.

Paper town is the third young adult novel written by John Green. It was published on October 16, 2008 by Dutton Books. The novels explores the coming of age and search of the protagonist, Quentin "Q" Jacobsen, for Margo Roth Spiegelman, his neighbor and childhood love interest. John Green gained

inspiration for this book, through his experience and knowledge of paper towns, during a road trip through South Dakota (Green, 2008).

It debuted at number five on the New York Times bestseller list for children's books and was awarded the 2009 Edgar Award for best young adult novel. A film adaptation was released on July 24, 2015 (Green, 2008).

Paper towns takes place in and around a fictional subdivision called Jefferson Park, located in suburban Orlando, Florida. The novel focuses on the narrator and protagonist, Quentin "Q" Jacobsen and his neighbor, Margo Roth Spiegelman. As young children, Quentin and Margo one day discover the corpse of Robert Joyner, a divorced man who had committed suicide in the park. Following this incident, the novel flashes forward to present day Quentin and Margo, who are now high school students that have grown apart from each other (Green, 2008).

However before, a month before their high school graduation, Margo shows up at Quentin's bedroom window in the middle of the night. She has devised a revenge mission on a group of people who she feels have hurt her over the course of her high school career. The mission has eleven parts to it. Margo needs someone and more importantly, a car to help her complete the tasks. So, she convinces Quentin to sneak out and help her seek revenge (Green, 2008).

As part one of their mission, Margo and Q visit her ex-boyfriend, Jase, and her best friend, Becca. Jase had cheated on Margo with Becca, and Margo took Q along for the help to get payback. As a naked Jase attempts to escape the house and wrath of Becca's Dad, Q takes a picture of him naked, later to be used as blackmail (Green, 2008).

Margo and Quentin then break into Becca home, graffiti blue "M" for Margo on her wall, and leave dead catfish in her basement with note saying that their friendships "sleeps with fishes". After the incident with Becca and Jase, they visit Karin and leave her a bouquet a flowers because she informed Margo that Jase was cheating on her. Upon the revelation of this news, Margo cursed her out in disbelief (Green, 2008).

The second mission, Quentin and Margo go to Jase's house. Then they visit Lacey, one of Margo's best friends. Margo has always felt that Lacey had never been a good friend to her because she has often ridiculed her and made backhand comments about her physical appearance (Green, 2008).

Margo and Quentin break into Lacey's parked car. They purposely leave the fish under her car seat and graffiti a blue "M" on the roof of her car. At 3:15 AM, they sneak in to Sun Trust bank building and enter a conference room on one of the higher floors to see a panorama of Orlando (Green, 2008).

Here, Margo for the first time refers to Orlando and their subdivision as a "paper town". She describes it as "fake" and "not even hard enough to be made plastic." Once they leave the SunTrust building, Margo gives Quentin the option to choose any person that has bothered him over the years to get revenge on. He chooses the school bully, Chuck Parson, who has taunted Quentin since middle school (Green, 2008).

Margo and Quentin proceed to get revenge on Chuck. They sneak into his house, remove one of his eyebrows with hair removal cream, and slather Vaseline on all of the door handles in his home. After getting revenge on Chuck, they break into Seaworld, where they are caught by a security guard for trespassing. However, Margo uses her persuasive abilities to get Quentin and herself out of any serious trouble (Green, 2008).

There are three reasons the writer analyzes the *Paper Town* novel: First because of character of the novel. Second, *Paper Town* has a good quality novel. Third, because revenge that becomes the main issue of the novel is reflected well.

The first because of character. This novel has a complex character. Quentin and Margo are the major characters in this novel. The researcher will show more to the readers about the effort of character in *Paper Town* novel.

The second reason the novel has a good quality. The novel number five on the New York Times bestseller list for children's books.

The third reason is because revenge that becomes the main issue of the novelist reflected well. A work of fiction offers a wide range of human and humanitarian problems.

Based on the illustration above about Quentin and Margo to revenge mission on a group of people have hurt her over, the researcher is interested in analyzing the novel with the title: **REVENGE REFLECTED IN JOHN GREEN'S *PAPER TOWN* (2008): A BEHAVIORIST PERSPECTIVE.**

## **B. Literature Review**

The researcher is getting some difficulties to find in the internet a literature as reference. The study on John Green's "2008" is not already researched yet in Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta and all-around of Surakarta, as the writer knows. The researcher has researched through local and digital libraries and found none of it. Library of Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta have reported zero call on the research of *Paper Town*. Thus, this study is first ever conducted at least in UMS. It will focus on the Revenge in John Green's *Paper Town* (2008): A Behaviorist Perspective.

## **C. Problem Statement**

Based on the title and the background of the study, the researcher formulates the problem statement as follow: "How is the revenge reflected in John Green's *Paper Town*?"

## **D. Limitation of the Study**

The researcher focuses this research in analyzing revenge in John Green's *Paper Town* novel published in 2008 using Behaviorist Perspective.

## **E. Objective of the Study**

There are some objectives of the study based on the problem statement above. Researcher hopes objectives here can be fulfilled. They are:

1. To analyze the John Green's *Paper Town* (2008) novel based on structural elements of the novel.
2. To analyze revenge in *Paper Town* (2008) based on behaviorist perspective.

## **F. Benefits of the Study**

The benefits of this study are as follows:

### **1. Theoretical Benefits**

This study gives contribution and information to the larger body of knowledge, an academic reference by other researchers to conduct further research and particularly literary studies on *Paper Town* novel. This research can give a contribution in criticizing a literary work and producing criticism as objective as possible.

### **2. Practical Benefits**

To get better understanding of the novel, in literary field as references to other researchers in analyzing the novel especially based on behaviorist approach. Hopefully this research can become an additional reference to the next researcher related to *Paper Town* Novel (2008) written by John Green.

## **3. Research Method**

In this point, there are five points to research method. The method used in this analysis is divided into some parts. They are type of the study, object of the study, type of the data and data sources technique of the data collection and technique of the data analysis. Those parts can be understood by the explanation below.

### **1. Type of the Study**

In this analysis, this study is analyzed by library study. This is because all of the sources (the written sources) can be obtained from library and other websites. To analyze revenge, the researcher also uses descriptive qualitative method. It means the researcher also uses written sources for analyze revenge.

## **2. Object of the Study**

The object of the study is a novel written by John Green's entitled *Paper Town* (2008), especially revenge. This object of the study will be analyzed by behaviorism perspective.

## **3. Type of the Data and the Data Sources**

Type of the data is text. The researcher finds all of sources in text, both in printed and pdf format.

This study uses two types of data sources, primary and secondary data. Primary data sources is the data that has not been proceed yet. The novel of John Green's entitled *Paper Town* is the primary data source of this study.

Then, secondary data here mean the data that have been proceed. The researcher takes the secondary data from books, websites, library and bookstores.

## **4. Technique of the Data Collection**

The researcher conducts this research paper by note taking. She gets some data by browsing to internet, looking for references at library, going to the bookstore to get some references and copying the related materials from the other English textbooks. From all data, she takes note important parts and uses in her research paper.

## **5. Technique of the Data Analysis**

Analyzing novel is quite difficult because we have to be more careful and critical in reading each word. Those are the steps the researcher takes in analyzing John Green's novel. First is the researcher looks for some literary theories. Then she chooses one theory that is the most interesting one, then looks for a good novel related on the theory. After having a good novel, she reads novel much times until understand the written message inside it. She looks for some additional references after getting the main point if the novel. The last steps is analyzes the primary data by using supporting references.

#### 4. Research Organization

The research organization of *Revenge John Green's Paper Town (2008): a Behaviorist Perspective* to make it easier to be understood is as follows: Chapter I is Introduction, it consist of Background of the Study, Literature Review, Problem Statement, Limitation of the Study, Objectives of the study, and Benefits of the Study, Research Method, and Research Organization. Then, chapter II consist of all sources and theories which the researcher got from books and website are written in this part to be the guides in analyzing John Green's novel. The theories which she got are the notions of behaviorism from any experts and the major concepts of behaviorism. Then, she will also add the theories about revenge from any related resources. Chapter III deals with the structural elements of the novel that will be analyzed. Those are character and characterizations, setting, plot, points of view, theme, and style. Chapter IV is the main analysis or topic. After having prior knowledge of the story, the readers can focus on *Paper Town*. Here, she will analyze the revenge by using some theories that she has got and explained at the former case. The last chapter is chapter V. After analyzing revenge of *Paper Town*, the researcher will write the conclusion about her analysis and suggestion for the novel. Conclusion consist of her conclusion about revenge in *Paper Town* novel (2008). Then, suggestion is her advice to the readers about the approach they can apply in their research if they are interested in analyzing John Green's *Paper Town* novel (2008).